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PATENT APPLICATION

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Filed: Concurrently herewith	:	
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For: HUMAN PROTEINS HAVING	:	
TRANSMEMBRANE DOMAINS	)	
AND DNAs AND ENCODING	:	
THESE PROTEINS	)	July 24, 2003

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

a.) Introductory Comments

The present amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice entitled “Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted”, a copy of which is attached.